GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FSSAI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the suggestions/recommendations made by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government on its recommendations;

(c) the detail about number of its members and its way of function; and

(d) the number of FSSAI offices functioning across the country presently?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): The mandate of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been given in section 16 of the Food Safety Standards (FSS) Act, 2006. Recommendations/decisions of the FSSAI requiring approval of the Central Government, are primarily relating to finalisation of regulations covering standards of food as also procedures and guidelines for regulating food items. During last three years, FSSAI has notified 42 final regulations after approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
(c): As per section 5 of the FSS Act, the Food Authority consist of a Chairperson and the following twenty two members out of which one − third shall be women, namely:-
(a) seven ex-officio members, not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India, to be appointed by the Central Government, to respectively represent the Ministries or Departments of the Central Government dealing with- (i)Agriculture, (ii) Commerce, (iii) Consumer Affairs, (iv)Food Processing, (v) Health, (vi) Legislative Affairs, (vii) Small Scale Industries;
(b) two representatives from the food industry of which one shall be from small scale industries;
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(c) two representatives from consumer organizations;
(d) three eminent food technologists or scientists;
(e) five members to be appointed every three years, on rotation, one each in seriatim from the Zones as specified in the First Schedule to represent the States and the Union territories;
(f) two persons to represent farmers' organizations;
(g) one person to represent retailers' organizations.
The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the legal representative of the Food Authority and also the Member-Secretary of the Food Authority. Meetings of the Food Authority are held regularly, wherein the proposals relating to various aspects concerning food safety and standards are discussed and decisions taken. The meetings are held in accordance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Authority (Business Transaction) Regulations, 2010.
(d): FSSAI offices presently functioning across the country are as hereunder:
(i) FSSAI Headquarter at New Delhi;
(ii) Northern Regional Office at New Delhi ;
(iii) Western Regional Office at Mumbai;
(iv) Southern Regional Office at Chennai and sub-regional offices at Cochin and Tuticorin;
(v) Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata;
(vi) North-Eastern Regional Office at Guwahati;
(vii) Food Research & Standardisation Laboratory , Ghaziabad and extention Lab at Sonauli;
(viii) Central Food Laboratory, Kolkata and Extension Lab at Raxaul.

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